(d) Ministry is providing cranes and ambulances to State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accidents Relief Service Scheme. Other steps are providing grants-in-aid to voluntary organisations for administering road safety programme, carrying out publicity campaign on road safety, encouraging use of simulators in drivers training, tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles etc.

National Highways in Assam

2054. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of damage done to the National Highways in Assam in the current spate of flood; and

(b) if so, what actions are going to be taken to rebuild the destroyed parts of National Highways in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Highway Network in the State of Assam has been affected due to flood at 32 locations. Immediate action has been taken by State, Public Works Department/Border Roads Organization to restore the connectivity.

National Highways passing through Karnataka

2055. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways which passes through Karnataka;

(b) the number of districts that are covered by the National Highways;

(c) whether Government propose to cover the remaining districts of the Karnataka State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) 13 number of National Highways pass through Karnataka.

(b) 24 districts are served by National Highways in Karnataka.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Road between Jammu and Himachal Pradesh

2056. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Bhadarwah-Chamba Road between Jammu and Himachal Pradesh was started over two decades ago;

(b) if so, whether the work on this important Inter-State road has been completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for this inordinate delay and by when the road would become fully operative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) This Ministry is responsible for maintenance and development of National Highways. Bhadarwah-Chamba Road is not a National Highway. Its construction and upkeep is the responsibility of the State Government.

National Highways in the Country

2057. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways passing through each State;

(b) the details of the States wherein all the districts are connected by National Highways;

(c) the details of proposal before Government to network all the districts in the States where they are not presently interconnected; and

(d) the amount earmarked and the timeframe set for achieving this objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The details of National Highways passing through each State